

There's two globalizations... The elite globalization represents minority forces. The elite globalization is about make money... The people's globalization, the democratic mass globalization is about life values.

-- Kevin Danaher

"It has been said that arguing against globalization is like arguing against the laws of gravity."

Kofi Annan (Ghanaian diplomat, seventh secretary-general of the United Nations, 2001 Nobel Peace Prize.)

"Globalization has changed us into a company that searches the world, not just to sell or to source, but to find intellectual capital - the world's best talents and greatest ideas."

Jack Welch

"This is a very exciting time in the world of information. It's not just that the personal computer has come along as a great tool. The whole pace of business is moving faster. Globalization is forcing companies to do things in new ways."

Bill Gates (American Entrepreneur and Founder of Microsoft Co., b.1955)

"Globalization is a fact of life. But I believe we have underestimated its fragility."

Kofi Annan (Ghanaian diplomat, seventh secretary-general of the United Nations, 2001 Nobel Peace Prize.)

"From the suites of Davos to the streets of Seattle, there is a growing consensus that globalization must now be reshaped to reflect values broader than simply the freedom of capital."

John J. Sweeney

"Globalization, as defined by rich people like us, is a very nice thing... you are talking about the Internet, you are talking about cell phones, you are talking about computers. This doesn't affect two-thirds of the people of the world."

Jimmy Carter (American 39th US President (1977-81). Nobel Prize for Peace in 2002. b.1924)

Accordingly, globalization is not only something that will concern and threaten us in the future, but something that is taking place in the present and to which we must first open our eyes.

Ulrich Beck

But in the past, US companies have been able to increase their profits through downsizing in the US, through colonizing other people's resources, and through the increase of globalization.

David Korten

Contagion has become very much a phenomenon, and it's a phenomenon of globalization.

Lawrence Summers

For when we talk about the spreading power and influence of globalization, aren't we really referring to the spreading economic and military might of the US?

Fredric Jameson

"I am local, rural, communal. And I find that the whole world is a community. We have made progress in asserting our local community rights globally. We shall continue to do so."

-- Tewolde Egziabher

If you're totally illiterate and living on one dollar a day, the benefits of globalization never come to you.

Jimmy Carter

In its current form, globalization cannot be sustained. Democratic societies will not support it. Authoritarian leaders will fear to impose it.

John J. Sweeney

In the US, most progressives start to see the differences between internationalism and economic globalization.

David Korten

In this age of globalization, instant real time media and television, everyone all over the world realizes that high energy usage equates with a high standard of living and wealth.

John Oliver

Instead of saying that globalization is a fact, that it's inevitable, we've also got to demonstrate that while the growing interdependence of the world economy is indeed a fact, it's not uncontrollable.

Peter Mandelson

It is people who are the objects of globalization and at the same time its subjects. What also follows logically from this is that globalization is not a law of nature, but rather a process set in train by people.

Tarja Halonen

It's trite to say that the world has gotten smaller in the age of globalization, but my travels have told me that it's wrong to think this means there is some kind of uniform world culture.

Norman Spinrad

The negative side to globalization is that it wipes out entire economic systems and in doing so wipes out the accompanying culture.

Peter L. Berger

The standardization of world culture, with local popular or traditional forms driven out or dumbed down to make way for American television, American music, food, clothes and films, has been seen by many as the very heart of globalization.

Fredric Jameson

Under the process of ongoing globalization, advantages are, in the main, created for a minority of countries and development centres as well as powerful transnational companies.

Tran Duc Luong

Well, we see an increasingly weaker labor movement as a result of the overall assault on the labor movement and as a result of the globalization of capital.

Angela Davis

~ Globalization is a policy, not an act of God ~

Jimmy Carter

~ Globalization is a bottom-up phenomenon with all actions initiated by millions of individuals, the sum total of which is "globalization." No one is in charge, and no one can anticipate what the sum of all the individual initiatives will be before the result manifest. A global economy can only be the result of "spontaneous order. ~

John Naisbitt

~ Contrary to the received wisdom, global markets are not unregulated. They are regulated to produce inequality. ~

Kevin Watkins

~ We can no longer allow multi-nationalists to parade as agents of progress and democracy in the newspapers, even as they subvert it at the workplace. ~

John Sweeney

...the globalization that characterizes today's economics goes beyond or eludes the sovereignty of individual states, and thus the power of their rulers. It is not they, but rather financial groups in control of vast amounts of capital, who decide upon their vertiginous passage through nations, without taking into account the serious crises they might generate.

-- Patricio Aylwin Azócar

"I would define globalization as the freedom for my group of companies to invest where it wants when it wants, to produce what it wants, to buy and sell where it wants, and support the fewest restrictions possible coming from labour laws and social conventions."

-- (Percy Barnevik, President of the ABB Industrial Group)

Globalization has considerably accelerated in recent years following the dizzying expansion of communications and transport and the equally stupefying transnational mergers of capital. We must not confuse globalization with “internationalism” though. We know that the human condition is universal, that we share similar passions, fears, needs and dreams, but this has nothing to do with the “rubbing out” of national borders as a result of unrestricted capital movements. One thing is the free movement of peoples, the other of money.

-- Eduardo Galeano

Nothing can be defined or derided on the basis of its origin. The important thing is what is done with it and how far a community identifies with something that symbolizes its favourite way of dreaming, living, dancing, playing or loving. This is the positive side of the world: a constant intermingling that produces new responses to new challenges. But because of forced globalization, there's a clear trend these days towards uniformity. This trend comes largely from the ever-greater concentration of power in the hands of large media groups.

-- Eduardo Galeano

"Globalization in its current form cannot deliver the benefits expected of it. Civil society, particularly in developing countries, must ensure that it does."

-- Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network

Globalization requires us to reinvent everything - to think of ourselves as compared to others.

Nicolas Sarkozy

The most challenging issue raised by globalization is how we can all get along with each other in our race against time.

Li Ka Shing